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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Lindler, et al.

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Filed: February 20, 2001

For: Protein From Brucella Species

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2003. A Request for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto.

The Applicant hereby acknowledges the restriction requirement as restated and appreciates the willingness of to examiner to examine the method claims of Group III if claims to the invention of Group I are deemed allowable. When claims are allowed, the non-elected claims will be canceled.

Changes in the claims and specification are provided on the separate pages hereafter.